

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – February 26, 2013

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Meitzler, Cournoyer, Raiola, Painter. Guests: vanZelm, Wendt, Fournier.

The meeting was convened shortly after 10:30 AM. No corrections were made to the January 22, 2013 minutes.

Ravine Road traffic – Hultgren reported that he had talked to Kevin Ng of the DOT and they were reviewing the Town's request for additional wayfinding signs to UConn from the west.

Route 275 ped/bike safety concerns – Hultgren said he also talked to Mr. Ng about this request and that the report on this had not yet been received.

Storrs Center cobra lighting – A walk was scheduled for 6:00 PM this Thursday to examine which of the overhead "cobra" lights on Route 195 could be removed now that the decorative lights were in place. Storrs Center signs directing people to the parking garage for 2 hour free parking -- Mock-ups of these signs were reviewed and approved for erection.

Additional Storrs Center Handicapped parking spaces – 3 possible additional locations were presented by Hultgren – 2 on the Village Street in front of the TS-2 building and 1 additional space in southerly part of the diagonal parking area on the VS. These will be discussed further with SCA to make sure the additional width at these locations is compatible with the width and entryways along the front of the building.

Post Office Road no turn on red sign – Hultgren presented sight distance data noting what is required for intersection sight distance at 30 MPH is 300 feet and what he measured at this intersection was 318 feet. The recommendation on this matter was tabled until all Authority members could review the matter.

Speed limit on Storrs Road – Wendt presented UConn's reasons for wanting a consistent 25 MPH speed limit on Rte 195 through the campus area – the specific request being from Rte 275 to Moulton Road. This request was approved by the Authority and it was decided to have both the Town and UConn send letters to the DOT/STA office making this request. Additional speed reductions south of Rte 275 were discussed, but the request was postponed until the walkway/streetscape to the Liberty Bank plaza is completed.

UConn CROP Hunger Walk – This was discussed and members felt that the route should be adjusted to use safer roadways (note, subsequent to this meeting the organizers notified the Town that the route would not be using Town roadways).

Homework Properties subdivision application – this was reviewed and no traffic-related issues were noted.

Employee parking areas in the Town Hall/Community Center parking lots – potential changes were presented by Hart and discussed. Visitor only parking was approved in the double isle in front of the main Town Hall entrance. Hart will discuss this with Town employees at the upcoming Town-wide staff meeting.

The meeting was concluded at approximately 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works